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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: 21st Annual National Conference on Managing Quality Systems for Environmental Programs

FROM: Nancy W. Wentworth /s/ *Nancy W. Wentworth*
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TO: Distribution

The 21st Annual National Conference on Managing Quality Systems for Environmental Programs will be held in Phoenix, Arizona, on April 8-12, 2002. This conference is open to the Federal, State, local, and Tribal governments, private industry, and the public sectors.

This conference is an important initiative for many reasons. First, it is intended to be a forum for issues involving environmental quality systems issues and information quality across the EPA and its stakeholder organizations. Second, it allows participants to discuss advances in these areas, the problems still unsolved, and the means of sharing scientific knowledge and new technologies. Finally, by comparing the experiences in various organizations, this conference serves as a bridge for facing new challenges and interpreting the changing needs of environmental quality systems.

The conference will offer various Quality Systems training courses, technical sessions, and workshops. You are invited and encouraged to submit one-page abstracts for technical presentations and/or proposals to organize technical sessions and workshops. Submission guidelines are provided in the attachment. All accepted papers will be posted on the Quality Staff website.

I look forward to seeing you in Phoenix in April. If you have any questions or require additional information, please call me at (202) 564-6830 or Diann Sims at (202)564-6872.

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